Oakley, that the U.S. did not accept India's claim on Kashmir and also his sounding a note of warning that New Delhi might wage a war on Islamabad on the Kashmir issue; if so, what is Government's reaction;

(b) whether this is construed as an interference in India's internal affairs;

(c) whether Government have taken up this issue with U.S. Government, if so, what is its reaction; and

(d) what is the stand of U.S. on Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Ambassador did not sound any warning that New Delhi might wage a war on Islamabad on the Kashmir issue.

(b) Government's stand on Kashmir is well known; the State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India.

(c) and (d) The US Government have clarified their stand on a number of occasions. US supports a settlement within the framework of the Simla Agreement.

Development of roads in Madhya Pradesh

507. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh had in the recent past submitted a comprehensive plan to the Government for the development of roads in the State during Eighh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some schemes have been approved by Government but funds are not being released for starting the works;

(c) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the sanctioned funds will be released to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Madhya Pradesh have sent C.R.F. programme for 8th Plan period consisting of 60 schemes costing Rs. 92.83 crores for development of State Roads.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has accorded approval to five schemes costing Rs. 215.00 lakhs on 12.4.1991 but the technical sanction is yet to be accorded by the State P.W.D. Funds for approved works can be released only after technical sanction. Release of funds is done keeping in view the total cost of schemes approved for the State, total funds released previously, *inter se* priority on all-India basis, requirements projected by the States and availability of budget provision.

Sending of team of investigators to Bucharest

508. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to send a team of investigators to Bucharest to interrogate those whom made an attempt on the life of Indian Ambassador Mr. J. Riberio; and

(b) whether Romania's permission has been sought in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

दूरभाष सलाहकार समितियां

509. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूरभाष सलाहकार समितियों को भंग किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन समितियों को भंग किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) इन समितियों को कब तक भंग कर दिया जायेगा; और

(घ) नई समितियों का गठन कब तक कर दिया जायेगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) से (घ) पिछली कामचलाऊ सरकार द्वारा गठित इक्यावन (51) दूरसंचार सलाहकार समितियों (टी०ए०सी०) की समीक्षा की जा रही है । इस मामले में अंतिम निर्णय यथासमय लिया जाएगा ।

Right to privacy to Indian citizens to contain telephone tappings

510. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give the right to privacy to citizens in view of increasing incidents of telephone tapping;

(b) total number of complaints received regarding telephone tapping during last three years and the number out of them which have been investigated and solved; and

(c) what is the result of the investigation by CBI of telephone tapping inquiry with regard to public complaint by Shri Chandrashekhar in 1990?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The policy of the Government has always been to ensure the right of privacy of the citizens, subject to the provisions of the law.

(b) Interception of telephone messages is permissible only under Section 5 (2) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 by authorised officer of the Central/State Government under certain specific conditions. Department of Telecommunications only extends technical facilities when specifically requested by such authorised officers under the provisions of the Act. The required information will, therefore, have to be obtained from the concerned authorities.

(c) The report of CBI has been handed over to the privileges Committee of the 9th Lok Sabha.

Representation from Goa Telephone User's Association

511. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Goa Telephone User's Association; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation is regarding Telecom services alleging malpractice. The matter has been taken up for investigation.

12.00 NOON

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1991, to Unstarred Question 239 regarding demand for Jharkhand State

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